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To prevent trafficking in counterfeit drugs.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BENNET, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Counterfeit Drug Pen-
5 alty Enhancement Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. COUNTERFEIT DRUG PREVENTION.**

7 Section 2320(a) of title 18, United States Code, is
8 amended—

9 (1) by redesignating paragraph (2) as para-
10 graph (3);

(2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:

“(2) COUNTERFEIT DRUGS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Whoever commits an offense in violation of paragraph (1) with respect to a drug (as defined in section 201 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 321)) shall—

“(i) if an individual, be fined not more than \$4,000,000, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both; and

“(ii) if a person other than an individual, be fined not more than \$10,000,000.

“(B) MULTIPLE OFFENSES.—In the case of an offense by a person under this paragraph that occurs after that person is convicted of another offense under this paragraph, the person convicted—

“(i) if an individual, shall be fined not more than \$8,000,000, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both; and

“(ii) if other than an individual, shall be fined not more than \$20,000,000.”; and

1 (3) in paragraph (3)(B), as redesignated, by
2 striking “paragraph (1)” and inserting “paragraph
3 (1) or (2)”.

4 **SEC. 3. SENTENCING COMMISSION DIRECTIVE.**

5 (a) DIRECTIVE TO SENTENCING COMMISSION.—Pur-
6 suant to its authority under section 994(p) of title 28,
7 United States Code, and in accordance with this section,
8 the United States Sentencing Commission shall review and
9 amend, if appropriate, its guidelines and its policy state-
10 ments applicable to persons convicted of an offense under
11 section 2320(a)(2) of title 18, United States Code, in
12 order to reflect the intent of Congress that such penalties
13 be increased in comparison to those currently provided by
14 the guidelines and policy statements.

15 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out this section,
16 the Commission shall—

17 (1) ensure that the sentencing guidelines and
18 policy statements reflect the intent of Congress that
19 the guidelines and policy statements reflect the seri-
20 ous nature of the offenses described in subsection
21 (a) and the need for an effective deterrent and ap-
22 propriate punishment to prevent such offenses;

23 (2) consider the extent to which the guidelines
24 may or may not appropriately account for the poten-

1 tial and actual harm to the public resulting from the
2 offense;

3 (3) assure reasonable consistency with other
4 relevant directives and with other sentencing guide-
5 lines;

6 (4) account for any additional aggravating or
7 mitigating circumstances that might justify excep-
8 tions to the generally applicable sentencing ranges;

9 (5) make any necessary conforming changes to
10 the sentencing guidelines; and

11 (6) assure that the guidelines adequately meet
12 the purposes of sentencing as set forth in section
13 3553(a)(2) of title 18, United States Code.

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